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1.

Beginning of the controlled area (Sperrgebiet) of the Soviet munitions depot, abutting on the Oder-Spree canal, directly east of Borkenbrueck. The depot extends for three or four kilometers along the Spree canal, is enclosed with three rows of wire. There are guard towers manned by Soviets, every 100 meters. These are supported by walking patrols. The entire perimeter observed is lighted at night. [Redacted] 25X1

Soviet guard in tower.

[Redacted] entire area observed was enclosed with three separate rows of wire, about 2.5 meters high.

[Redacted] another guard tower and small shelter directly behind it for use of walking patrols. [Redacted] electric wire carrying a flood light used for illuminating the depot at night.

[Redacted] Proceeding westward, showing wire and another shelter for patrols.

[Redacted] heavy guard on this depot and [Redacted] all vessels on the Oder-Spree are forbidden to halt at any time while proceeding past this depot.

[Redacted] reconstruction of the railway bridge over the Spree Canal, immediately east of Fuerstenwalde. The bridge is double tracked.

2.

[Redacted] Oder-Spree Canal in late October 1953 [Redacted] Soviet materials or supply caserne on the north side of the Oder-Spree Canal, beginning

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Directly west of the railway bridge over the Spree

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Installations directly in right foreground are of Soviet Supply Depot. The area is encircled by barbed wire, with guard towers manned by Soviet troops.

One of the principal warehouses in the depot.

Dwellings adjacent to the above-described Soviet depot, occupied by Soviet troops assigned to the depot.

3. [redacted] large former factory located on the south side of the Oder-Spree Canal between Fuerstenwalde and Berkenbrueck; it is used by the Soviets for the storage of vehicles. 25X1

[redacted] a large number of trucks and passenger vehicles parked inside the former factory building. The area was well guarded with Russian troops [redacted] Soviet troops were at work in front of the vehicle storage building. 25X1

4. [redacted] south bank of Oder-Spree Canal, directly opposite the areas described above in paragraph 1. Rather large supplies of artillery shell casings were observed. The area is likewise restricted, with some wire being evident. 25X1

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